

**TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**DIVISION OF FORESTRY**  
**RIPARIAN BUFFER PROGRAM – Organization Project Application**

**I. CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Cooperating organization (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Cooperating organization contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cooperating organization phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. PROJECT LOCATION/IDENTIFICATION:**

Project Landowner (If different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Project Street Address (If different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Land Ownership:      Federal State      City      NGO      Private

Stream and Watershed Names: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please include maps with your application indicating location of site (MapQuest, Google Earth)*

**III. EXISTING RIPARIAN BUFFER CHARACTERISTICS:**

Length of Stream Frontage on Property in Feet (near side): \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be planting both side of the Stream?      Yes      No      (If yes, please complete next question)

Length of Stream Frontage in Feet (far side): \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Existing Buffer Width in Feet:: \_\_\_\_\_

Existing Buffer Condition:      Open/Mowed      Shrubs      Shrubs/Trees      Trees

## **VI. RECIPIENT/OWNER AGREEMENT**

**In accepting free plants and technical assistance, Recipient agrees to the following:**

1. Prior to site preparation, Recipient agrees to contact Tennessee One Call at 811 to verify the presence of any underground utilities within the planned project area.
2. Prior to site preparation, Recipient agrees to verify that Owner has clearly marked the property boundaries and any known utility easements near the planting area to ensure that plantings do not encroach onto adjacent properties.
3. Plants are provided to organizations for use in riparian buffer projects only and are to be used only in the project area as defined in the Application.
4. Recipient is required to recruit and organize an adequate number of volunteers to assist on the day of the planting. (The Program Coordinator may be able to recommend sources of volunteers)
5. Owner is responsible for maintenance of plants and materials after planting, unless otherwise indicated below.  
  
\*Owner agrees to ensure that trees planted in the project area are not cut, removed, mowed or otherwise disturbed.  
  
\*Owner agrees to ensure that newly planted trees greater than 1 " in diameter are appropriately mulched and watered as needed for the first growing season after planting.
6. Owner agrees to allow one or more small signs to be installed indicating the boundary of the Riparian Buffer and to ensure that such signs are maintained.
7. Recipient shall coordinate with the Program Coordinator in regard to returning any Riparian Buffer Program owned materials left on-site, such as survey flags, stakes, containers, tools, etc.
8. Owner agrees to allow the Program Coordinator reasonable access to the project site to periodically inspect and monitor plant materials.
9. It is strongly encouraged that the Recipient and/or Owner contacts adjacent landowners to discuss the proposed project prior to site prep.

**Signature below indicates acceptance of the conditions listed above by the Recipient and Owner.**

**Recipient Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to:** TDOF Riparian Buffer Program Coordinator  
Tennessee Department of Agriculture-Division of Forestry  
Box 40627, Melrose Station  
Nashville, TN 37204

**Please contact the Riparian Buffer Program Coordinator at 615-837-5430 if you have any questions.**